

Application No.: 10/536,790
Amendment dated: October 4, 2006
Reply to Office Action of July 11, 2006

Amendments to the Specification:

1. Please replace paragraph [0002] on page 1, with the following replacement paragraph:

[0002] The invention relates to a device for the structured storage or handling of optical waveguides, especially spliced optical-fiber connections, ~~according to the precharacterizing clause of patent claim 1.~~

2. Please insert the heading "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" between paragraphs [0004] and [0005].

3. Please replace paragraph [0006] on page 2, with the following replacement paragraph:

[0006] This problem is solved by ~~a the device mentioned at the beginning~~ for the structured storage or handling of optical waveguides, especially of spliced optical-fiber connections, in which fiber guiding elements for optical fibers are fastened at least to one vertically running narrow side of the frame in such a way that the optical fibers are guided laterally next to the splice cases or laterally next to the frame in the region of the or each narrow side.

4. Please replace paragraph [0010] on page 4, with the following replacement paragraph:

[0010] According to a second aspect of the invention concerned here, ~~a the device mentioned at the beginning~~ for the structured storage or handling of optical waveguides, especially of spliced optical-fiber connections, is provided in which a drawer that is guided in the frame can be pulled out in the horizontal direction from a first vertically running narrow side of the frame, the drawer being arranged in the pushed-in position between the splice cases assigned to the front side and the splice cases assigned to the rear side of the frame, and the drawer serving for the storage of uncut multifiber buffer tubes of optical fibers. This first narrow side lies opposite a second vertically running narrow side of the frame, to which the fiber guiding elements for the optical fibers are fastened.

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5. Please replace paragraph [0011] on page 4, with the following replacement paragraph:

[0011] According to a third aspect of the invention concerned here, ~~a the device mentioned at the beginning~~ for the structured storage of spliced optical-fiber connections is provided in which guiding channels and/or guiding ribs are arranged within the splice cases in such a way that the optical fibers are guided within the splice cases in a circular manner. This makes particularly careful handling of the optical fibers possible in the splice cases.

6. Please replace paragraph [0012] beginning on page 4, with the following replacement paragraph:

[0012] According to a further aspect of the invention concerned here, ~~a the device mentioned at the beginning~~ for the structured storage or handling of optical waveguides, especially of spliced optical-fiber connections, is provided in which the optical fibers are guided by cylindrical axial bodies of the splice cases in such a way that a direction of insertion of the optical fibers into a splice case runs approximately parallel to a pivoting axis of the respective splice case, the cylindrical axial body of the respective splice case being radially slit in such a way that the optical fibers can be inserted into the cylindrical axial body in the radial direction through a radial opening.

6. Please replace paragraph [0066] on page 21, with the following replacement paragraph:

[0066] The splice cases 49 are clipped into the holders ~~48~~ 49 by means of cylindrical axial bodies 67. This is revealed in particular by Figure 6. The cylindrical axial bodies 67 of the splice cases 49 are represented in greater detail in Figures 10 to 12. Furthermore, these details are revealed in Figures 17 and 18.